

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., was elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Morphological and Descriptive Notes on the genus *Cryptoplax*." By H. A. Pilsbry.
2. "Note on a remarkable Nudibranch from N.W. America." By Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., etc.
3. "On the Anatomy of some Agnathous Molluscs from New Zealand." By R. Murdoch.
4. "On the fate of the Type-specimen of *Voluta Roadnightæ*." By Prof. W. Baldwin-Spencer, F.R.S. etc.

My attention has been drawn to a remarkable statement made by Mrs. A. Kenyon in a "Note on *Voluta Roadnightæ*, McCoy" (Proc. Malac. Soc. Lond., vol. iii, p. 267).

Mrs. Kenyon says:—"In the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria for May, 1898, it is stated that the type-specimen of *Voluta Roadnightæ* is preserved in the National Museum, Melbourne. Since this, though doubtless printed in good faith, is an inaccurate statement, I thought it might be of interest to recall exactly how many specimens have been found, where they were obtained, and where they are now preserved." The type-specimen came, as described by the late Sir F. McCoy, from the Ninety Mile Beach on the Victoria coast, and was collected by Mrs. Roadknight, of the Lake's Entrance, Gippsland, after whom it was named specifically. Mrs. Kenyon goes on to say:—"This specimen was, I believe, sent to Germany."

In face of the fact that, in answer to her enquiry, Mrs. Kenyon was definitely informed that the type-specimen, though not in the public exhibition, was still preserved in the National Museum, it is somewhat difficult to understand, in the absence of evidence of any kind, what is the meaning of the last sentence.

On one occasion this specimen was sent to London, when it was examined and subsequently returned to Mr. Edgar Smith;¹ since which time it has remained in the National Museum.

¹ A coloured drawing made at the time by Mr. E. A. Smith was reproduced by Mr. G. B. Sowerby in the second supplement to a "Monograph of the genus *Voluta*" (Thesaurus Conch., vol. v, pl. dlxxiii, fig. 143).

5. "*Streptostylus pallidus*, nom. nov. for *S. flavescens*, Da Costa." By S. I. Da Costa.

Since the publication of the August number of the Proceedings of this Society I have discovered that the specific name *flavescens*, therein given by me to a new species of *Streptostylus* (ante, p. 66), must be changed, since it has been already employed by Shuttleworth for another member of the genus. I propose, therefore, to rename my species *S. pallidus*.

Exhibits were placed on the table by the following:—

The Rev. R. Ashington Bullen: Some molluscan remains from the Gault of Folkestone, and a series of recent shells that had been inhabited by hermit-crabs.

E. R. Sykes: A large series of shells of *Achatinella apicata*, showing colour variations; examples of a new British shell, referred to the genus *Myrina*, found attached to the skull of a whale, which had been dredged in deep water in the North; and shells of *Succinea oblonga*.

A. S. Kennard and B. B. Woodward: Specimens of *Vivipara Clactonensis* (Wood), from the Pleistocene of Swanscombe and of Clacton.

M. F. Woodward: A collection of shells from Inishbofin, co. Mayo, comprising some very dark varieties of *Helix aspersa* from the sand-dunes, a very large *Area tetragona*, and other marine forms, all tending to show the large size attained by the mollusca in that region.

E. A. Smith: Specimens of the rare *Conus clytospira*.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1900.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. GODWIN-AUSTEN, F.R.S., etc., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Paul Ehrmann and William T. Manger were elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Note on *Bensonia* and on an apparently undescribed species, *B. mimela*." By W. T. Blanford, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.

2. "Note on *Bensonia Mainwaringi* and *Macrochlamys Dalingensis*." By W. T. Blanford, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.

3. "Further Notes on the British Pliocene Non-Marine Mollusca." By A. S. Kennard and B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.

4. "The Anatomy of the subgenus *Beddomea*, and the Relationships of the genus *Amphidromus*." By Henry A. Pilsbry.

Exhibits were placed on the table by the following:—

M. F. Woodward, on behalf of J. E. S. Moore: A small collection of Mollusca from Lake Tanganyika.

Dr. Blanford and A. S. Kennard: Specimens in illustration of their respective papers.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1901.

W. T. BLANFORD, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. Crouch and Dr. H. Woodward were appointed auditors of the accounts of the Society for the year 1900.

Arthur Bavay and George S. Coen were elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "A Third Report on Japanese Land-Shells." By G. K. Gude, F.Z.S., etc.

2. "On the Re-discovery of *Euselenops* (= *Neda*) *luniceps* (Cuv.)." By S. Pace, F.Z.S., etc.

3. "On the Anatomy of *Helix ampulla*, Benson, and its generic position in the Ariophantinae." By Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc.

4. "On the Anatomy of *Buliminus Djurdjurenensis*, Ancey, from the Djurdjura Mountains, Kabylia." By R. Murdoch.

Exhibits were placed on the table by the following:—

E. A. Smith: A small collection of mollusca from Victorialand, made by the staff of the "Southern Cross." The forms collected bore a great resemblance to Kerguelen shells, many being specifically identical.

The Rev. R. Ashington Bullen: Molluscan remains from a chalky boulder-clay at Haleworth, some being derived from the Lower Lias, others from the Oxford Clay and Oolitic Sands; specimens of *Helix pomatia* with an unusual form of epiphragm, and others crushed by some animal, possibly a hedgehog, in order to extract the snail.

A. S. Kennard: Living *Physa heterostropha*, Sars, and *Planorbis dilatatus* from Dukinfield, Lancs., where they are found in great numbers in the canal, probably being introduced into this country in bales of cotton; specimens of *Valvata piscinalis* (Müll.), belonging to the form known as *V. naticina*, Menke, from the Pleistocene of Swancombe.

S. Pace: A large series of *Columbella Essingtonensis*, Rve., *Cyllene orientalis*, A. Ad., and *Isanda coronata*, A. Ad., from Friday Island Passage, Torres Straits, the components of each series collected on the same day and at the same spot illustrating the great variability of the species exhibited.

S. Pace and G. K. Gude: Specimens in illustration of their respective papers.